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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 8-241112, filed August 23, 1996;

8-301076, filed October 25, 1996;

8-342775, filed December 6, 1996;

8-342776, filed December 6, 1996;

8-342777, filed December 6, 1996;

8-342778, filed December 6, 1996;

8-065333, filed March 4, 1997;

8-065334, filed March 4, 1997;

9-074497, filed March 11, 1996;

9-134312, filed May 8, 1997; and

9-165422, filed June 6, 1997.

As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, certified copies of the Japanese applications have been filed in parent Application No. 08/916,408, filed August 22, 1997.

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